

REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2002 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 3), the period for response to which is set to expire on April 17, 2003.

Election / Restriction Requirement

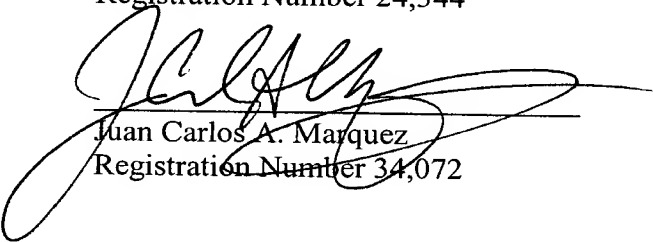
The Examiner is provisionally respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1 through 5 and 9 through 11 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1 through 5 and 9 through 11 that are drawn to a liquid crystal display device, while remaining claims 6 through 8, and 12 through 21, are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice and traverse. However, it is understood that if a generic claim is found allowable, the non-elected species claims will be drawn back into the case, and allowed with the other allowed claims in the case. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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